



HANFORD LONG-TERM STEWARDSHIP

Transition vs. Transfer

There is a significant difference between the transition of a piece of land on the Hanford Site and the transfer of a piece of land. Land **transition** involves shifting land management responsibility between DOE programs – from a cleanup program to the long-term stewardship (LTS) program once the remedial objectives have been achieved. DOE-EM retains ownership.

Land **transfer** involves a change in ownership or responsibility of an asset to an entity outside of DOE-EM on the Hanford Site. For a more thorough discussion on transfers see DOE/EH-413/9712¹. A transfer is a type of conveyance that is permanent and transfers ownership while leases, permits, licenses and easements only involve a change in responsibility.



When land is **transitioned** into the LTS Program the responsibility will be contractually removed from the cleanup contractor (Washington Closure Hanford) and given to the service contractor (Mission Support Alliance, LLC). Ownership of the land remains with DOE.

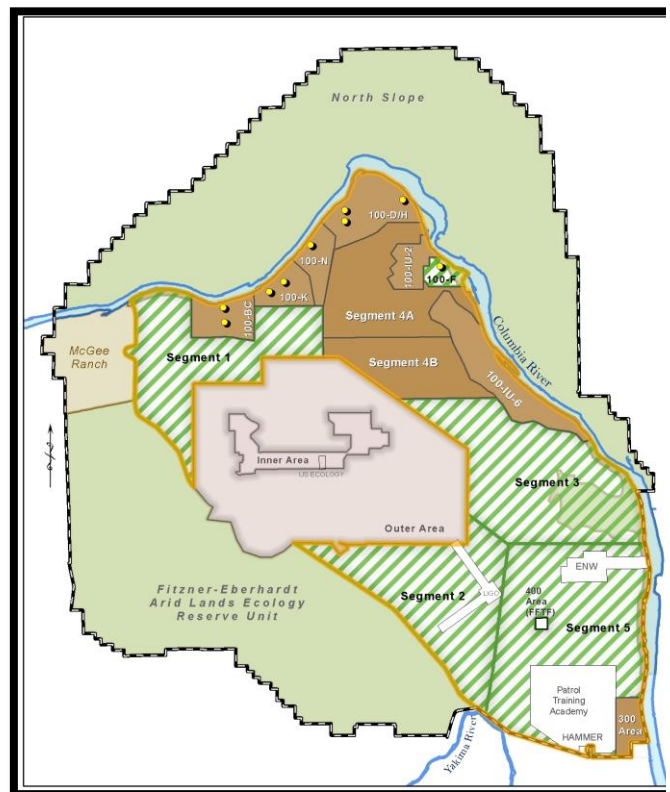
Simply stated:
land **transitioned**
stays under DOE
ownership,
transferred land
is removed from
DOE ownership

A **transfer** of a piece of land can only occur when a parcel of land is no longer needed to support the DOE mission, and necessary environmental reviews have been completed. While DOE-EM would no longer own this property, the limitations on the use of the land (stemming from DOE activities) are communicated in deed restrictions aimed at ensuring that there would be no harm to human health or the environment.



Why is the difference important?

It is important to recognize that **transitioned** land remains under DOE-EM ownership and land management responsibility is simply transitioned between DOE Programs. For example, as cleanup on segments of the River Corridor are completed, they are transitioned from the River Corridor Cleanup Program under the Assistant Manager for River and Plateau to the LTS Program under the Assistant Manager for Mission Support. When cleanup objectives for a segment of land have been achieved it is **transitioned** into the LTS Program who assumes land management responsibility.



A **conveyance** is an assignment of property from one party to another. At the Hanford Site, a conveyance can be permanent, like a transfer, or temporary like an easement, permit or lease.



¹DOE/EH-413/9712, Crosscut Guidance on Environmental Requirements for DOE Real Property Transfers, 2005